

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held at the Guildhall Portsmouth on Tuesday, 7 December 2021 at 2.00 pm

Council Members Present

The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor
Councillor Frank Jonas BEM (in the Chair)

Councillors

Rob Wood	George Madgwick
Dave Ashmore	Hugh Mason
Matthew Atkins	Lee Mason
Chris Attwell	Kirsty Mellor
Simon Bosher	Terry Norton
Ryan Brent	Gemma New
Stuart Brown	Robert New
Cal Corkery	Scott Payter-Harris
Ben Dowling	Darren Sanders
George Fielding	Jeanette Smith
Charlotte Gerada	John Smith
Lewis Gosling	Lynne Stagg
Graham Heaney	Judith Smyth
Hannah Hockaday	Luke Stubbs
Ian Holder	Linda Symes
Jo Hooper	Claire Udy
Suzy Horton	Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE
Leo Madden	Daniel Wemyss

89. Declarations of Interest and Apologies for Absence

There were no declarations of interest from the members present.

Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of Councillor Kimberly Barrett, Councillor Tom Coles, Councillor Lee Hunt and Councillor Benedict Swann.

90. Deputations from the Public under Standing Order No 24

The Lord Mayor advised that no deputation requests had been received for this extraordinary Full Council meeting.

91. Granting of the Freedom of the City - Falklands Veterans

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Ryan Brent

To grant the freedom of the city of Portsmouth to all Falklands Veterans.

The Lord Mayor advised that this proposal also had the formal support of the other group leaders.

The Lord Mayor advised that a two-thirds majority was necessary in order for the proposal to be carried. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

The Lord Mayor said that a scroll setting out the granting of the freedom of the city would be presented to representative recipients at a future meeting.

RESOLVED that in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972:-

The City Council wishes to record its gratitude and appreciation to all Falklands Veterans. In April 1982, many sailors, marines, soldiers, aircrew and nurses from all Services went to the South Atlantic and against a highly effective Argentinian Air Force and overwhelming numbers of troops, succeeded in achieving victory and on 14th June 1982, Argentina surrendered. We honour all those men and women who served their country in this conflict, the 255 who gave their lives and those who were injured by awarding the Freedom of the City of Portsmouth to all Falkland's Veterans.

This resolution be engrossed on vellum and sealed with the common seal for presentation;

Arrangements be made for the presentation of this resolution and the formal admission to the Freedom of the City.

92. Granting of the Freedom of the City - Royal Naval Association

It was

Proposed by Councillor Simon Boshier
Seconded by Councillor Jeanette Smith

To grant the freedom of the city of Portsmouth to the Royal Naval Association

The Lord Mayor advised that this proposal also had the formal support of the other group leaders.

The Lord Mayor advised that a two-thirds majority was necessary in order for the proposal to be carried. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

The Lord Mayor said that a scroll setting out the granting of the freedom of the city would be presented to representative recipients at a future meeting.

RESOLVED that in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972:-

The City Council wishes to record its gratitude and appreciation to the Royal Naval Association (RNA). The RNA is a national group of Royal

Navy serving and veteran personnel, their families, and supporters, with a very close and proud relationship with the City of Portsmouth, the home of the Royal Navy. RNA members served at home and in the South Atlantic in 1982 and we honour those by awarding the Freedom of the City of Portsmouth to the Royal Naval Association.

This resolution be engrossed on vellum and sealed with the common seal for presentation;

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93. Granting of the Freedom of the City - Royal Marines Association

It was

Proposed by Councillor Claire Udy
Seconded by Councillor Cal Corkery

To grant the freedom of the city of Portsmouth to the Royal Marines Association.

The Lord Mayor advised that this proposal also had the formal support of the other group leaders.

The Lord Mayor advised that a two-thirds majority was necessary in order for the proposal to be carried. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

The Lord Mayor said that a scroll setting out the granting of the freedom of the city would be presented to representative recipients at a future meeting.

RESOLVED that in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972:-

The City Council wishes to record its gratitude and appreciation to the Royal Marines Association (RMA). The RMA is a national group of Royal Marines serving and veteran personnel, their families, and supporters, and is the Membership arm of The Royal Marines Charity. The Association highly values its relationship and friendship with the people and City of Portsmouth. RMA members served at home and in the South Atlantic in 1982 and we honour them by awarding the Freedom of the City of Portsmouth to the Royal Marines Association.

This resolution be engrossed on vellum and sealed with the common seal for presentation;

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94. Granting of the Freedom of the City - The Association of Wrens and Women of the Royal Naval Services

It was

Proposed by Councillor George Fielding
Seconded by Councillor Suzy Horton

To grant the freedom of the city of Portsmouth to The Association of Wrens and Women of the Royal Naval Services (AOW).

The Lord Mayor advised that this proposal also had the formal support of the other group leaders.

The Lord Mayor advised that a two-thirds majority was necessary in order for the proposal to be carried. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

The Lord Mayor said that a scroll setting out the granting of the freedom of the city would be presented to representative recipients at a future meeting.

RESOLVED that in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972:-

In 1990 the first Wrens went to sea and the integration of the women into the Royal Navy was completed by 1993. The Association now covers all areas of the Royal Navy including the Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service (QARNNS) and the Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) both of which served in the Falklands conflict, some have their own Associations but are happy to belong to the AOW.

We honour them by awarding the Freedom of the City of Portsmouth to The Association of Wrens and Women of the Royal Naval Services.

This resolution be engrossed on vellum and sealed with the common seal for presentation;

Arrangements be made for the presentation of this resolution and the formal admission to the Freedom of the City

The meeting concluded at 2.20 pm.

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Lord Mayor